

FORT RILEY DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS - 2011

The military mission has precedence over the announced hunting season. The Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at any time, without prior notice, due to military activities. Additional security measures may be implemented at any time without notice, resulting in access restrictions in addition to those explained in this publication.

1. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

a. First - Obtain Required Permits. Each deer hunter must obtain all permits required by the state of Kansas **AND** a Fort Riley Hunting Access Permit (if required) prior to issuance of any Fort Riley Deer Permit.

b. Second - Complete Pre-Hunt Briefing and Permits Check. Each deer hunter age 18 or older must complete a mandatory pre-hunt briefing and Permits Check at the Fort Riley Environmental Office. Hunters under the age of 18 are exempt from this requirement **IF** they are hunting with a parent or guardian that has completed the briefing and checks.

c. Third - Obtain Fort Riley Deer Permit (Permission Certificate). Hunters must choose their primary season (either firearms or archery). Fort Riley Deer Hunting Permit (Permission Certificates) acquisition is described for each season below.

2. SEASON OPTIONS: The following seasons are available to hunters as defined below. Note that except as described below, hunters may **NOT** receive both a "Regular Season Archery Permit" and a "Regular Season Firearms Permit". Exceptions may be granted, by the Conservation Branch Chief, to Active Duty Soldiers, or Family members if a deployment, block leave or TDY precludes them from hunting during their first selection.

***Special Notice:** All hunters must check-out and check-in each day they hunt regardless of the season they are hunting. Fort Riley is implementing a new automated web check-in-out system found here: <http://fortriley.isportsman.net>

If the web system is not operational during the deer season(s) you hunt please follow guidance listed below each season. If the system is operational and you need assistance please contact the Environmental Office. Implementation will take place over the calendar year 2011 and notification will be posted at the check stations as well as through the post paper and other outlets as the old system is phased out.

a. Special Archery-Only Season: September 1-18 & Jan. 16-31.

All hunters must check-out and check-in each day they hunt at any of the eleven Fort Riley Self-Service Check Stations. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open for archery deer hunting on the particular day they wish to hunt. Eligible individuals (see below) will, however, be authorized to take an antlered deer during this season.

ELIGIBILITY: The Early Archery Season is valid only on the Fort Riley Military Reservation (Unit 8a). Eligibility to hunt this season is limited to the following individuals who have obtained a special permit specifically for this special season from the Fort Riley Environmental Office:

1. Military and Civilian Personnel stationed in Kansas with an impending deployment date between 1 September and 1 November. Deployment papers or Commander Confirmation will need to be provided.

2. Military or Civilian Personnel on leave from deployment that would not be redeployed to Fort Riley by 1 December 2011. Redeployment papers or Commander Confirmation will need to be provided.

b. Early Youth/Disabled Season: September 10-18 & October 7-10.

Any hunter with a valid Youth/Disabled Fort Riley Deer Permit and required state of Kansas permits may hunt during these seasons using any legal firearm or archery equipment allowed by the state of Kansas. All hunters must check-out and check-in each day they hunt at any of the eleven Fort Riley Self-Service Check Stations. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open on the particular day they wish to hunt for the method of deer hunting they choose.

c. Muzzleloader Season – September 19 - October 2.

Any hunter with a valid Fort Riley Muzzleloader Deer Permit and necessary state of Kansas permits may hunt during this season using only **traditional caplock or flintlock muzzleloaders**. **Inline muzzleloaders** are not legal equipment on Fort Riley during this season. All hunters must check-out and check-in each day they hunt at any of the eleven Fort Riley Self-Service Check Stations. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open for muzzleloader deer hunting on the particular day they wish to hunt.

d. Archery Season – September 19 – December 31.

(First 300 Permits) Any hunter who selects “Archery” as their primary season may hunt during this season on Fort Riley using any legal archery equipment allowed by the state of Kansas. All hunters must check-out and check-in each day they hunt at any of the eleven Fort Riley Self-Service Check Stations. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open for archery deer hunting on the particular day they wish to hunt. These permits will be allocated on a first come, first served basis at Building 407 beginning on 16 August 2011 or may be reserved by application. Application forms will be available on 16 August through the Fort Riley web page at <http://www.riley.army.mil/> under Recreation then outdoor recreation or at the <http://fortriley.isportsman.net> website. These must be delivered in person or mailed to the Environmental Office at the address below. **Reservations must include a non-refundable \$20 administrative fee. We recommend that you call (785) 239-6211 or 239-8836 before sending your fee to check on availability. Personal checks must be made out to the Fort Riley Fish and Wildlife Account.**

e. Regular Firearms Season (DOD ID Card Holders Only) – 25-27 November. Any hunter who possesses a valid DoD ID Card (and their family members) and has a Fort Riley Regular Season Firearms Deer Permit valid for the November Season may hunt using any legal firearm or crossbow equipment allowed by the state of Kansas. **Hunters must check out by phone on the day they wish to hunt by calling 785-239-6211 beginning at 4:30 am each day**

and receiving a control number or by physically checking out at Building 349. Hunters are asked to not fill out hunter cards at the Self-Service Check Stations while firearms deer hunting. The maximum number of hunters that will be allowed to check out each day is 350. **Firearms hunters hunting east of Old Highway 77 (Maneuver Areas B, C, E, F, I, L, M & P) and South of Vinton School Road may only use any legal bow, muzzleloading rifle, muzzleloading handgun or any legal shotgun.** All deer harvested must be brought to the Fort Riley Deer Check Station, building 349 by 7:00 pm each evening. All deer should be brought to the check station field dressed unless instructed otherwise prior to the season or at check-out. Active Duty Soldiers that chose the Either Sex Archery Permit as their primary choice may also hunt for **antlerless** deer during this season.

f. Regular Firearms Season 15-23 December.

Any hunter who possesses a Fort Riley Regular Season Firearms Deer Permit valid for the December Season may hunt using any legal firearm or crossbow equipment allowed by the state of Kansas. **Hunters must check out by phone on the day they wish to hunt by calling 785-239-6211 beginning at 05:00 am each day and receiving a control number or by physically checking out at Building 349. Hunters are asked to not fill out hunter cards at the Self-Service Check Stations while firearms deer hunting.** The maximum number of hunters that will be allowed to check out each day is 350. **Firearms hunters east of Old Highway 77 (Maneuver Areas B, C, E, F, I, L, M & P) and South of Vinton School Road may only use any legal bow, muzzleloading rifle, muzzleloading handgun or any legal shotgun.** These permits will be allocated on a first come, first served basis at Building 407 beginning on 16 August 2011. Application forms will be available on 16 August through the Fort Riley web page at <http://www.riley.army.mil/> under Recreation then outdoor recreation or at the <http://fortriley.isportsman.net> website. These must be delivered in person or mailed to the Environmental Office at the address below. **Reservations must include a non-refundable \$20 administrative fee. We recommend that you call (785) 239-6211 or 239-8836 before sending your fee to check on availability. Personal checks must be made out to the Fort Riley Fish and Wildlife Account.** All deer harvested must be brought to the Fort Riley Deer Check Station, bldg 349 by 7:00 p.m. each evening. All deer shall be brought to the check station field dressed unless instructed otherwise prior to the season or at check-out. Active Duty soldiers that chose the Either Sex Archery Permit as their primary choice may also hunt for **antlerless** deer during this season.

g. Extended Firearms Antlerless Only Season – January 1-15

(Unlimited) All Fort Riley extended antlerless season deer hunters must have completed a mandatory pre-hunt briefing and have a Fort Riley Deer Permit prior to the January season. Any legal 2011 Kansas deer permit valid in unit 8 may be used during the Fort Riley extended antlerless deer season. Current (2012) Kansas state hunting licenses and Fort Riley access permits must be obtained and in possession as required by the state of Kansas. All hunters must check-out and check-in each day they hunt at any of the eleven Fort Riley Self-Service Check Stations. Follow the Open Hunting Areas guidelines below:

1. Open Areas South of Vinton School Road will be listed as open for archery hunting on the open areas list, the Fort Riley's web site, and on the open area hotline (785-239-6669). Hunters will be allowed to hunt in these areas using legal archery equipment as defined by the state of Kansas.

2. Open Areas North of Vinton School Road will be listed as open for hunting using legal archery equipment, legal muzzleloader or shotguns using slugs as defined by the state of Kansas.
3. A column will be added to the Open Areas document to define “Open Extended Firearms Antlerless Season Areas.”

h. Special Firearms Antler Season: January 7 & 8.

All hunters must check-out and check-in each day they hunt at any of the eleven Fort Riley Self-Service Check Stations. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as “Open Extended Firearms Antlerless Season Areas” on the particular day they wish to hunt. Eligible individuals (see below) will, however, be authorized to take an antlered deer on these two days. **Firearms hunters hunting east of Old Highway 77 (Maneuver Areas B, C, E, F, I, L, M & P) may only use any legal bow, muzzleloading rifle, muzzleloading handgun or any legal shotgun.**

ELIGIBILITY: The Special Firearms Antler Season is valid only on the Fort Riley Military Reservation (Unit 8a). Eligibility to hunt this season is limited to the following individuals who have obtained a special permit specifically for this special season from the Fort Riley Environmental Office:

1. Military and Civilian Personnel stationed in Kansas with a redeployment date after December 23rd, 2011. Redeployment papers or Commander Confirmation will need to be provided.

3. PERMIT ACQUISITION

a. Kansas Tags and Licenses and Fort Riley Hunting Access Permits are available over-the-counter at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks offices, the Fort Riley Environmental Office, some local vendors, and on the KDWP web page (www.kdwp.state.ks.us).

b. Fort Riley Deer Permits are only available at Fort Riley’s Environmental Office, building 407 and will only be issued upon completion of the pre-hunt briefing.

4. BAG LIMIT and TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS: The bag limit for white-tailed deer on Fort Riley is consistent with the state of Kansas. Fort Riley falls into Deer Management Unit 8 for Kansas. Each deer harvested must be immediately affixed with a valid Kansas deer tag per Kansas Regulations.

5. FIREARM SPECIFICS

Fort Riley Regulation 190-1 requires that **ALL** firearms brought on-post be registered with Fort Riley. Firearms must be registered regardless of military or civilian status. Call the Directorate of Emergency Services at (785) 239-6767, building 221 for more information about the registration procedures, or acquire the registration form at the fort’s Environmental Office, building 407.

In Addition FR Reg.190-1 prohibited practices include:

- a. Carrying concealed on one's person any weapon. Kansas concealed carry handgun permits and those issued by other states are not recognized on Fort Riley.

- b. Possessing any device or attachment of any kind which is designed, used or intended for use in silencing the report of any firearm.

6. OFF LIMITS AREAS

The IMPACT AREA and Multipurpose Range Complex (MPRC) are OFF-LIMITS at all times. Other areas may be off-limits during all or part of the deer season. Listings and/or maps of off-limits areas will be posted at all eleven Fort Riley Self-Service Check Stations or only at the newly automated web check-in-out system found here: <http://fortriley.isportsman.net>

7. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Construction and/or use of "permanent" tree stands are **prohibited**. A "permanent" tree stand is defined as any stand that is fastened to a tree by nails, screws, spikes or similar, penetrating objects. Portable tree stands are permitted and may be placed no earlier than 30 days prior to the start of the hunting season. All components of a portable tree stand (including wire, chain, rope or other material used to fasten the stand to the tree) must be removed from the tree within 30 days after the close of the season. Use of nails, screws, spikes or similar penetrating objects such as "steps" or "ladders" to access portable tree stands is prohibited. Illegal stands may be reported to the fort's Game Warden Section, (785) 239-4263.

b. A completed Fort Riley Recreational Vehicle Marker must be displayed in the front window of all vehicles being used while deer hunting or otherwise recreating on Fort Riley.

c. Motorized vehicles are restricted to roads that are specifically marked on the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Map. The only exception to this restriction is to retrieve a downed deer or elk.

d. All deer hung in post housing areas must be completely covered with an opaque fabric or other material suitable for completely concealing the carcass. Any deer being transported on Fort Riley in or on a vehicle that is visible from outside of that vehicle must be covered in that same manner.

e. ALL persons recreating (including archery deer hunters) on Fort Riley must wear **at least** 200 square inches of blaze orange on their chest and back and a hat of the same color at all times when they are not in a vehicle or building **during any Fort Riley Firearms Deer Season, including the traditional muzzleloader season 19 September through 2 October and the Youth/Disabled Season September 10-18 and October 7-10.**

f. All firearms must be unloaded and cased or locked while being transported in a vehicle. Ammunition must be stored separately from the firearm.

g. Any individual that is actively assisting any big game hunter (as defined by the state of Kansas) must have a Fort Riley Access Permit, unless exempt.

h. Hunters hunting with a firearm South of Vinton School Road must be a DOD cardholder or directly accompanied by one.

i. Active Duty Soldiers stationed at Fort Riley will receive their choice of an Either Sex Archery or Either Sex Firearms Permit, regardless of permits already distributed. Active Duty Soldiers that choose the Either Sex Archery Permit may also hunt for antlerless deer during the regular firearm seasons in November and December using any legal equipment.

8. QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT. Several “Quality Deer Management” (QDM) initiatives have been implemented in an effort to improve the overall health of our deer herd. One of the most important aspects of QDM is to let 1 ½ and 2 ½ year old bucks grow for another year. Success or failure of this effort will be due in large part to hunter restraint and knowledge. Please consider the overall quality of our deer herd when harvesting your deer.

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information concerning the 2011 Fort Riley deer season, contact Fort Riley's Environmental Office, building 407, (785) 239-6211 or 239-8836 . The Environmental Office is on the Fort Riley Garrison Resiliency Day Off gliding 5-4-9 work schedule of every other Friday off. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, except on government holidays and Fridays off (closed 8/19, 9/2, 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/10, 11/25, 12/9 & 12/23). The mailing address is:

**Fort Riley Environmental Office
ATTN: IMNW-RLY-PWE
Deer Permit Reservation
Bldg 407, Pershing Court
Fort Riley, Kansas 66442-6016**

10. Fort Riley Firearms Deer Season Calendar of Events

16 August First day to receive mandatory pre-hunt briefing and acquire Fort Riley Deer Permit

1-18 Sept. Special Archery-Only Season (Must Meet Qualifications)

10-18 Sept. & 7-10 Oct. Youth/Disabled Hunter Season

19 Sept. - 2 Oct. Traditional Muzzleloader Season

19 Sept – 31 Dec. Archery Season

25-27 November DOD ID Card Holder Firearms Deer Season

15-23 December Regular Fort Riley Firearms Deer Season

1-15 January Antlerless Only Season

7 & 8 January Special Firearms Antler Season (Must Meet Qualifications)

16-31 January Special Archery-Only Season (Must Meet Qualifications)

Fort Riley Firearms Deer Management

